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USING A VENDOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated November 11, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper